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Column One
By David Courtney

ONE of the best things about the democratic system is that its governments are not wholly representative. The fact is not as paradoxical as it sounds. Some governments are worse than others, but few of them are good; and while most of them act in the name of the popular majority there is usually a substantial minority upon which the nation can continue to depend for its good name. Anyway, the rejection of Dr. Malan's Apartheid Bill by the Supreme Court of the Union of South Africa and the welcome given to the decision by a large part of the European population of the Union, give a better notion of the purpose of democracy and a better reason for having friendly feelings towards South Africa than any act of the government itself.

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IT is said, of course, that the opposition United Party, which has been demonstrating against Apartheid, fundamentally is not much better than the Nationalists in its attitude to the African peoples. Its objection to the latest discriminatory laws is political and constitutional. Against the racial discrimination to which Apartheid is not an illogical development, the United Party seems to have no complaint. Apparently the Torch Commando movement is also that way inclined so that it would be an illusion to think that there is a powerful trend towards equality between white and black in the Union of South Africa. We shall have to be satisfied with the knowledge that a powerful trend has developed against going the detestable limit.

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THE matter has reached a stage at which reporters of the scene are freely predicting "civil disorder and bloodshed." Clearly, if Dr. Malan carries out his threat to reduce the authority of the Supreme Court, he will run into serious political difficulties, which the native peoples may well take as a signal for big-scale demonstrations. In that case, there will certainly be "civil disorder and bloodshed" beyond anything at present contemplated by Government, United Party or Torch Commando. In short, a situation would seem to be developing in which Dr. Malan will have either to give big concessions to the black people under Pretoria's rule or to go even beyond the severities of the Apartheid Bill. The statesmanlike way would be to make concessions. In the long run, of course, it will be the only way.

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THE Government of the Union, instead of learning from the experiment now being carried out in British West Africa, regards the new Gold Coast and Nigerian constitutions, with their extensive allowance of self-government, as provocative. Given the Apartheid frame of mind, the attitude is logical. Little doubt can be felt that the educated and responsible elements of the South African black population are enviously watching the advance of their brethren outside the Union, towards a form of political freedom in which is at least the hope of ultimate independence. It would be unnatural if the indigenous Africans of the Union — from all accounts a people of fine character and magnificent physique — were to observe the developments on the Gold Coast and in Nigeria without feeling their own humiliations more intently.

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ASIDE from the morality of the case, mere prudence should guide the South African Government to a realization that the trend in the whole world is against it. If the lesson of French North Africa, Indo-China, even Malaya, is not enough, the evidence of the rising influence of great countries formerly subject to "white" suzerainty — for example, India — should be enough to make plain to Pretoria that no government or people can any longer make the colour distinctions peculiar to the vanished age of "white supremacy." The non-whites peoples are no longer to be bought for a gaudy pinafore or a string of beads or to be awed by a regiment of soldiers. And there are many millions of them. In the Union of South Africa, they are more than ten to one.

Tel Aviv, March 24.

GENERAL ZIONIST DELEGATES POLL

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Labour List polled 17 per cent of the votes in the election here today of delegates to the General Zionist Conference to top the poll.

Bonn Contests Israel Claim

THE HAGUE, Sunday (INA). — The Germans intend to contest the Israel claim that more than 450,000 victims of Nazi persecution have been given refuge in Israel.

A member of the German delegation this afternoon told a correspondent that the Germans will claim that not all of this figure were victims of German persecution but that many of them entered German "Displaced Persons' camps from the East to escape Communism.

The German delegate said that the figure of 450,000 as given in Israel's first note to the four great powers was therefore "not a valid figure as far as Germany is concerned."

To Resume Today

Negotiations are to be resumed tomorrow, when the Israel and Jewish Claims Conference delegations will begin to detail their claims and the basis on which they are being made. The Germans will meet daily with the Israelis in the morning and with the Claims Conference delegation in the afternoon. There will be no meetings on Saturdays and Sundays.

When the talks opened on Friday morning the Germans were the first in the conference room, followed several minutes later by the Israel delegation. There were no handshakes or any other form of greeting.

The head of the Israel delegation formally introduced each member by name, pointing to him as he did so. He then handed the delegation's credentials across the table.

Exchange Translations

Israel's opening statement was made in English and a German translation was handed across the table at the end of it. The Germans made their opening statement in German, handing an English translation to the Israel delegates. At the end of the session the Germans left first.

The atmosphere throughout the meeting was "very tense and uncomfortable as far as we were concerned," an Israel delegation spokesman said.

Practically the same procedure was followed at the afternoon session, when the Claims Conference delegation met the Germans, but without the earlier tension. There is no contact between Jews and Germans during the hours the conference is not in session.

Wide Differences Over Reparations

POST Correspondent

HAGUE, Sunday. — The formal opening sessions of the Reparations Conference have already revealed the wide gap that exists between the minimum demands of Israel and to what Germany is prepared to agree.

The Germans prefer, as is their custom, to hastily themselves behind formal niceties. The German delegation stuck to its terms of reference which are to gather information on the Israel-Jewish claims without committing themselves to anything.

Sharett to Discuss U.K. Investments

By George Lichtheim
POST Correspondent

LONDON, Sunday. — In addition to discussing the future financing of Israel's sterling imports, Mr. Moshe Sharett and Mr. David Horowitz are expected to inform Mr. Richard Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, of proposals to facilitate British investment in Israel which have already been tentatively submitted to the leading banks and investment houses in the City.

There is active interest in investment possibilities relating to the engineering and chemical industries, to electrical equipment and constructional works, including the building of ports.

The question is whether the Treasury is prepared to sanction British capital transfers for such purposes. Three definite projects mentioned are the expansion of the Dead Sea works, the full reopening of the Haifa refineries and concessions for oil prospecting.

It is understood that the subject was raised by Mr. Sharett in conversation with Mr. Eden, who suggested that the details be discussed with the Chancellor.

Fresh Clashes In Trieste; Casualty List Up to 181

TRIESTE, Sunday.—Twenty-four people were injured today in renewed clashes between police and demonstrators demanding the return of the free city to Italy.

This brought the toll of injured to 181 in the past four days.

Police said that most of those arrested during the Saturday demonstrations "were young students between 14 and 17 years old." The 56 still held by police were transferred from local police stations to the main Coroneo jail.

The Sunday peace was shattered after demonstrators hoisted the Italian tricolour on a tree in one of the city's main streets. Police arrived to remove it but were met by a hail of stones which they promptly hurled back.

Their attackers were mostly youths believed to belong to right-wing political groups. They shouted "Go Back to Korea" at the Allied-controlled police. The trouble began on the anniversary last Thursday of the Western Allies' declaration that Italy should eventually regain Trieste, and coincided with a wave of indignation against the allegedly anti-Italian measures taken in the other zone of the Free Territory which is Yugoslav.

City Calm

Last night the city — battered during the morning by a storm and paralysed by a 12-hour general strike — was calm. The northern Adriatic city and port, occupied by nearly 10,000 British and U.S. troops, spent the day in a virtual state of siege.

Moscow Radio today accused the Western Powers of failure to fulfil their obligations under the Italian peace treaty concerning the Free Territory of Trieste.

It said, "Under the treaty Trieste should have been demilitarized and neutralized, and a governor was to have been appointed by the Security Council, but four years have elapsed without this matter being settled. The fault lies with the Western Powers."

The cause of Trieste has impassioned all Italy. In Milan today crowds watched approvingly as the Trieste flag was hoisted on the Victor Emmanuel monument in Cathedral Square.

Until after midday Trieste itself was quiet and police patrols had vanished from the streets when Triestians went to the church or strolled through the streets.

Syria Striving For Turkish Friendship

Dr. Tewfik Armanasi, former Syrian Minister to New Delhi and recently appointed Minister to Ankara, said in Aleppo yesterday that Syria is striving hard to improve her relations with Turkey.

On the eve of his departure to take up his new post, Armanasi expressed regret over the deterioration of Turco-Syrian relations and stated that the past feuds with Turkey should be forgotten. The reference was to the Alexandretta area, which once belonged to Syria and is now Turkish territory.

U.N. Agrees to Hold Secret POW Talks

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter) — U.N. negotiators in the truce talks told the Communists today they would agree to secret talks to solve the deadlocked prisoner of war issue.

There was no immediate reaction from Communist officers to the U.N. offer.

At a short meeting of the cease fire supervision committee U.N. representatives accepted a Communist map of Sinanju marking the area to be used as a port of entry for troops and supplies during an armistice. But they rejected maps of four other ports of entry on the grounds that they were old and showed discrepancies.

The Communists are still studying maps of five South Korean ports to serve as Allied ports of entry.

On the snow-swept western front U.N. patrols fought several clashes with powerful Chinese infantry groups yesterday.

The Chinese Communists today added voices from South-East Asia to their campaign against germ warfare, alleged to be used by U.S. forces.

Peking Radio this morning cited protest resolutions and messages from the Burma Peace Committee, the youth of the People's Republic of Indonesia, the Indonesian Association of Bombay and the West Bengal Peace Committee.

BUSES STONED

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Some 150 Communists this afternoon staged a demonstration in Jaffa to protest against the reparations talks. Miss Esther Wilenska, M.K., spoke.

Dan buses, which tried to pass through the crowd, were stoned and had several windows broken. Police restored order.

New Egyptian Elections; Parliament Dissolved

May 18 Set as Day for Voting

The Egyptian Parliament will be dissolved today and new elections will be held on May 18, Premier Hilali Pasha announced yesterday following a Cabinet meeting, according to Cairo Radio last night. It is not yet decided when martial law will be lifted, he said. (Previously Hilali had promised that martial law would be raised prior to any elections to ensure voters complete freedom).

Egyptian Minister of the Interior Maraghi Bey said last night "life in the Suez Canal Zone towns of Port Said, Suez and Ismailia has returend to normal as before October 16" (when the Wafd government abrogated the Anglo-Egyptian treaty).

Normalcy Restored

He added, "Shipping traffic is fast returning to normal. Business is as usual in the Canal Zone. All military restrictions on road and rail communications have been lifted. General security throughout the country is very satisfactory.

"Egyptian police forces will soon take over from the army such duties as guarding key installations and public buildings in Cairo and Alexandria." He also did not say whether the curfew imposed on Cairo after the January 26 riots would be lifted or martial law abolished.

Egypt has asked the Arab League to convene the Council session on March 29 only for the opening session in order to consider the agenda, and then to adjourn, leaving the meeting open for resumption at short notice to consider any urgent matter that may come up.

Important Visit

Great importance is attached to the visit to Cairo of the Spanish delegation, which is to leave Madrid by air on April 4, ANA reported yesterday.

The report said that Spain will probably be the first non-Arab State to join the Arab League Security Pact, and added that there is also a possibility that Greece and Italy will adhere.

The Spanish delegation will be headed by Foreign Minister Martin Artajo, and will include General Mohammed Ben Mizzian Ben Kassem.

'Red Star' Sees New Ottoman Empire

MOSCOW, Sunday (AP). — The Soviet Army newspaper, "Red Star," today reported that the Turkish Government with U.S. support is out to restore the Ottoman Empire.

It said the plans include the conquest of the Arab countries and the plundering of their peoples.

The paper claimed that the U.S. demands on the Turks for 40 divisions for the Atlantic Pact forces are meeting severe opposition. The Turks do not see why they should make up the gaps in the Atlantic armed force resulting from the reluctance of other people to mobilize larger armies.

It said that Greece also is discontented with U.S. demands that she should furnish 10 divisions, and this was the reason for General Eisenhower's trip to Athens and Ankara.

Attlee Group Urges Faster Rearmament

NEWCASTLE, Sunday (AP) — The Attlee faction of the Labour Party warned today against any reduction in the nation's rearmament programme. It said the Conservatives were not doing enough.

The call for an accelerated rearmament programme was a double slap — at the Labour Party's left-wing rebel faction led by Mr. Aneurin Bevan and at the Conservatives.

Speeches by two of Mr. Clement Attlee's top lieutenants tonight placed the Labour Party moderates in the role of advocates of even faster rearmament.

Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, warned that the U.S. might turn isolationist again if Britain slashes her defence spending further.

Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, one of Mr. Attlee's staunch supporters in Parliament, said a reduction in the nation's rearmament programme would make Britain "the laughing stock of the world" and would "give the signal for Marshal Stalin to go ahead again in Europe." He said British troops would be unable even to replace arms and equipment which had worn out since 1945 if rearmament is slowed down.

Mr. Wyatt said the production lines already had been geared for fast rearmament and any slow-down would leave thousands of people unemployed.

Congress Seeks To Cut Foreign Aid

POST Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — Congressional hearings on the Foreign Aid bill are proceeding rapidly, and may be concluded within 10 days to a fortnight. Mr. William Bingham, acting director of the Techical Cooperation Administration, and Mr. Arthur Gardener, the State Department's economic expert for the Middle East, are expected to testify this week.

The hearings to date have indicated a Congressional inclination to make large cuts because large amounts of last year's appropriations have still not been committed. In the Middle East, for example, Secretary of State Dean Acheson admitted that out of $211m. appropriated for the current year up to January 1, only $42m. have been committed and $22m. spent. It is understood that Israel, which is spending money much faster than other countries, has received about half of this amount.

Mr. Acheson added that two countries, Syria and the Yemen, had not even signed agreements as yet, but he assured the Committee that by the end of the year, on June 30, the entire appropriation would have been obligated, and $124m. actually spent.

May Day Celebration On May 1

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—May Day will be observed by the Histadrut on May 1, although a suggestion had been made to celebrate it a week later, since Independence Day falls on April 30. The Histadrut Executive's Central Committee today appointed a subcommittee to organize the celebrations. The decision to observe May Day on May 1 was taken on the insistence of Mapam and the Communists who opposed any shifting of the holiday.

The Central Committee also decided to send Prof. Yosef Sak to South America for the Histadrut Appeal, together with Mr. A. Sattikover, the Yiddish poet.

A committee to investigate the efficiency of the staff of the Histadrut Executive was also appointed.

Blandford, Riley To Proceed to Cairo

Mr. John Blandford, UNRWA Director, and General William Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, have been instructed to proceed to Cairo at the end of this week. They will be available to delegations to the Arab League Council meeting discussing refugee questions and armistice lines, NEARS reports.

Government Criticism Of Jerusalem Budget Estimates

Strong criticism of Jerusalem's 1951-52 budget was contained in a letter sent last week by the District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, to Acting Mayor E. Eliashar, it was disclosed last night at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

Mr. R. Sharl (Mapai) handed the letter to newspapermen after a motion to debate the matter was defeated by the right-wing, majority coalition. The coalition declared that the letter required detailed study by the Finance Committee.

In his letter, Dr. Biran objected to the budget having been submitted so late that it was almost impossible to introduce any improvements. Noting that about 30 per cent of the estimated income was to be obtained from direct taxes, he stated that the sum was insufficient in view of the growing expenditures. The District Representative also doubted whether the retroactive tax on water and the business tax could be collected by the end of the fiscal year.

Income Seen Short

Since most of these taxes, together with a portion of the Government's grant to the city, would most probably not be received by the end of the month, Dr. Biran thought that the income would fall short by IL.401,000. It was impossible to reduce the bulk of expenditures as most had already been made, he said, but suggested ways to cut them by IL.86,500. The ensuing deficit would then be IL.-689,000, or about IL.200,000 more than estimated by the Municipality. Little could be done now to help the situation, Dr. Biran said, but he strongly urged more planning for the new budget. The deficit, he said, must be regarded as a debt to be liquidated in the next budget.

Plans to increase various services must be made realistically in accordance with income, he declared. Pointing out that some departments were over-staffed, and that some employees earn more than Directors General in the Government, he called for the establishment of a city Scale of Establishment assigning each department a certain number of workers.

Dr. Biran also suggested that direct taxes be raised, partly by readjusting the rates and partly by raising the percentage assessed.

The budget, he said, would be submitted to the Minister of the Interior with the recommendation that it be accepted with the suggestions that were made.

City's Welfare Problem

A heated debate also developed over the city's welfare problem. A number of new immigrants receiving help have demonstrated at the city's Welfare Department offices. Yesterday morning, several welfare workers, headed by Mrs. F. Brade, the department's director, came to Mr. Eliashar's office to request the IL.5,000 grant made last week by the Finance Committee. The Acting Mayor termed the move a "political demonstration, which never happened before," but authorized that IL.2,000 be made available immediately.

Mrs. Brade, appearing before the Council, denied the charge and reviewed her repeated efforts to obtain the funds through regular channels. She said that even the minimum services were not being rendered because of the failure to grant the money.

The Council unanimously authorized the IL.5,000 grant to be paid out by the end of this month.

It also was reported that a new cinema, to be named Bar Orion, with a 1,000 seating capacity, is being built behind the present Orion Cinema by that cinema's owner.

Mr. Eliashar reported that he had cabled Mayor F. H. Shragai in New York, asking him to try to buy the metal needed to manufacture garbage cans and screening.

Budget Debate To End Today

The full-dress Knesset debate on the Government's IL.168,450,000 ordinary Budget estimates is due to be wound up today with a speech by the Minister of Commerce, Dr. Dov Joseph.

The Bill is expected to return to the Knesset for a final vote on March 30 and 31.

The General Zionists are today expected to propose that only a two-month budget be passed at this stage. Their reason is that it is almost impossible to assess revenue and expenditure before the reaction to the recent economic reforms crystallises. The Coalition parties will have no difficulty in defeating this proposal.

The Finance Committee has already completed discussions on two-thirds of the revenue estimates. At this rate, it could not possibly complete its work in time for the budget to be passed before the end of the fiscal year. Proposals are expected to be made this week on speeding up the discussions.

To Clear Decks

The House is scheduled to sit for four days this week and will have an opportunity to clear the decks of eight pending bills before the Passover recess. These include the Nationality Act, the measure to increase Knesset membership to 150, the University of Jerusalem Building Law, the measure extending the tenure of Religious Councils for another year, proposals affirming pensions for assistant policemen, the Maritime Court Bill, an amendment to the Transmission Line, permitting the Cabinet to transfer certain authority from one Minister to another and the Notary Public Bill. All these measures are ready for final action.

In addition, a number of new bills are slated to come up for their first reading.

Cabinet Discusses University Growth

The possible expansion of the facilities of the Hebrew University to absorb many Israel students now studying abroad was discussed at the weekly meeting of the Cabinet yesterday. Extension of medical and natural science faculties, as well as increased absorption in other departments, is understood to have been discussed and the entire matter was referred to a Ministerial Committee for further consideration and recommendations.

Sources close to the University report that Directors of the University-Hadassah Medical School have indicated to the Government their willingness, under certain conditions, to enroll an additional 100 students now studying abroad in both upper and lower classes, a step which would result in considerable savings of hard currency.

It is understood that the Medical School's willingness to accept the students is contingent on:

- Provision by the Government of 4,500 square metres of land for construction of additional facilities.
- An annual Government grant of IL.100,000-IL.150,000 towards increased maintenance costs.
- A one-time allocation of IL.200,000 for acquisition of necessary equipment.

No Difficulty

Apart from the natural sciences, where added laboratory space and equipment is needed in the lower classes, the admission of additional students from among those studying abroad is not expected to engender particular difficulty. The same is true for upper classes in the natural science departments, inasmuch as agriculture students, who in the lower classes study together with other science students in Jerusalem, move to the Agriculture Faculty at Rehovot after their basic science courses. Work is to start on new installations at Rehovot in the next few weeks with funds provided by contributors from abroad. (See Page 2).

The Cabinet's approval of agricultural credits came on the basis of the Rehovoth Council's recommendations, at its last meeting, for the establishment of a consortium of banks which would be asked to lend IL.3m.-IL.4m. to the

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Israel Victims of KLM Crash To Be Brought Home for Burial

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The Israel Consulate in Munich has been instructed to make arrangments for the transfer for burial in Israel of the bodies of Dr. Yitzhak Bezner and Mr. David Otzeri, the two Israel Government officials killed in Saturday's crash of a K.L.M. D.C.6 aircraft near Frankfurt.

Dr. Bezner, Director of the Credit and Foreign Trade Department of the Ministry of Finance, who left Lydda Airport by K.L.M. last Thursday, had joined the ill-fated plane at Rome, on the last lap of its journey from Johannesburg to Amsterdam. He was on his way to The Hague to join the Israel delegation to the reparations talks, but had stopped over briefly in Rome to make arrangements in connection with Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett's visit to the Italian capital this week.

Mr. Otzeri, 31, was a consular official employed at the Israel Consulate-General in Rome. He had visited Israel a month ago, after the death here of his father.

Dr. Bezner had left Israel together with a number of other Israelis, including Mr. Shabtai Rosenne, legal Adviser to the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Arye Ben Eliezer, Herut MK, and Mrs. Ben Eliezer while the others stayed in Rome, Dr. Bezner left by another K.L.M. plane to continue his journey to Amsterdam.

Ministry Informed

K.L.M. representatives here were informed of the crash late last night, and passed the information over to the Ministry of Finance. The Foreign Ministry was informed by the Israel Legation in Rome last night that Dr. Bezner and Mr. Otzeri were not among those saved from the crash.

Dr. Bezner, who was 44, leaves a wife. Born in Galicia, he studied law and economics at Krakow University. He came to Palestine in 1936 and served as Secretary General of Hamashbir Hamerkazi. When the Provisional Government was established in 1948, he was appointed Controller of Foreign Exchange and took part in trade and financial talks with Poland, Hungary, Holland and Britain. In 1949, he served as a member of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Washington.

He paid an official visit on behalf of the Government to Japan last summer.

An AP despatch from Frankfurt reports that one of the four survivors of the plane crash died late last night. Another is reported to be in a very serious condition. Frankfurt hospital authorities stated today.

Oren Under Arrest In Prague

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Mr. Mordecai Oren, the Mapam leader, is now under arrest in Prague, suspected by the Czechoslovak authorities of having "carried out criminal acts against the security of the State."

Following an inquiry by the Israel Legation in Prague three weeks ago for news about Mr. Oren's whereabouts, the Czechoslovak Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Vlastimil Borak, has now informed the Legation that Mr. Oren had been arrested in Prague when his visa expired and was now thought to have committed criminal acts.

The date of the arrest is not yet known here. Mr. Oren was last seen by Israel Legation officials in Prague on December 31, 1950. He was due to have left the Czechoslovak capital the following day.

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Social & Personal

Government and Jewish Agency leaders who took part in a tour of the Negev and Eilat during the week-end included Agriculture Minister Levi Eshkol, Mr. Paul Linken, Mr. Moshe Dobkin and Miss Rose Halperin, of the Jewish Agency, and Mr. Akiva Govrin, Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

A reception in honour of Mr. and Mrs. A. Golber, President of the Zionist Organization of Canada, and Mr. Stephen Speaker, the English poet, was held in the home of Mr. Moshe Kol, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, in Jerusalem on Saturday night.

Mr. Yitzhak Raphael, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, left last night for Europe on Agency business.

Mr. Zvi Luria, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, has returned to the U.S. after attending the Zionist General Council meeting in Jerusalem.

Professor M. Buber, who is now in the U.S. on a lecture tour, has been awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the University of Aberdeen.

Mr. Gershon Agron, editor of The POST left for the U.S. by El Al last night.

Mr. Joseph Sagerman, President of the Palestine Economic Corporation, returned to Israel yesterday after a two-months' business tour of Europe and the U.S.

A farewell reception was held by foreign correspondents and local journalists in Tel Aviv on Saturday night for Mr. Leonard Ware, Press Attache at the U.S. Embassy, and Mr. David Woodward, Press Attache at the British Legation, and Mrs. Woodward, who are leaving Israel upon concluding their tour of duty here. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward are leaving by sea today, while Mr. Ware is due to leave next week.

The Israel Defence Forces basketball team returned to Israel from Paris by El Al yesterday after playing five games against French teams. The Israel team won four of their games.

A group of 22 Swedish merchants left by air yesterday after a three-day visit here in connection with the establishment of a Swedish Village. The party are on a tour of Israel, Switzerland, Egypt and Jordan by private chartered plane.

Mr. Victor Elinsher, Israel Vice-Consul in Istanbul, has returned for a short visit.

Mr. V. Gur, Director of Civil Aviation in the Ministry of Communications, has returned from Paris where he represented Israel at the International Communications Conference.

Mr. Menahem Kraicer, Director of H.I.A.S. in Israel, has returned from the U.S. where he met with the organization's officials.

A stamp exhibition was opened at Bet Hasefarah in Ramat Gan yesterday. The exhibition, organized by Mr. Moshe Zalevitzki, a stamp collector, previously was on display in Haifa and will later move to other parts of the country.

A memorial meeting 30 days after the death of Professor I.N. Epstein will be held at 5.45 tomorrow afternoon at the Yeshurun Synagogue in Jerusalem.

An exhibition of Spotcans by Penny W. Pubs will be opened at the Mikra Studio, Tel Aviv, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25.

BIRTHS

BAR LEVAV (LEVINSON)—To Yehudit (nee Levy) and Bar Beres Shmuel Bar Levav, on Shabbat, March 22, 1952—a sister to Devora.

STEINER—To Lotka, wife of Mr. Israel Steiner, Jerusalem, on Thursday, March 20, 1952, at the Shaare Zedek Hospital—a daughter, Rosie.

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Agricultural Bank, with the Government guaranteeing the loan. The credit, approved, will also serve to increase vegetable-producing areas by up to 25,000 dunams.

The Government is expected to propose to the Knesset a draft-law calling for a substantial increase in luxury taxes—perhaps as high as 75 per cent of the purchase price, but the tax will affect only luxury items, in the narrowest interpretation of the term. Many items now subject to luxury tax will, accordingly, be removed from the "luxury" category. Many of these items will be subject to a sales tax which will necessarily be considerably lower than the present luxury tax. "Lahol" goods and other essential items, especially food, will not be subject to the sales tax.

The official communique on the Cabinet meeting was as follows:

At its weekly meeting, the Cabinet considered the possibility of broadening the facilities of the Hebrew University to enable it to absorb a portion of the students now studying abroad.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Economic Council, it was decided to authorize a IL.3m. capital credit in addition to the IL.1m. already granted.

A draft-law for Customs and Excise Tax (Change in Rate) (amendment) and also for luxury and sales tax (on certain types of merchandise) were approved.

REVIEW OF OPINION IN YESTERDAY'S PRESS

NEP Has Already Had Stabilizing Effect on Israel's Economy

"Davar" (Histadrut) finds several encouraging signs on the economic front pointing towards stabilization. Prices of plots have gone down by about 15 per cent and flats by 10 per cent. Calm prevails as far as bonds and securities are concerned — the result of the limitation on credits — and the rise in black market prices of raw materials has ceased.

The paper attributes these developments to the "prudent policy of the Histadrut." "Davar" notes, however, that many difficulties are ahead. Much remains to be done to prevent mass unemployment and to increase agricultural production, but at least some hope is now seen for economic recovery.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) asks who is to be believed. One of the main objectives of the NEP was to lower our standard of living. Now, however, Dr. Joseph maintains that there is no intention of lowering the worker's living standard. The paper does not begrudge workers their social achievements, but thinks that any improvement of their living standard must be made dependent on the rise of labour productivity in particular and the increase of production in general.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), dealing with charges of bacteriological warfare in Korea, says that even Hitler did not dare use this cannibalistic weapon. The paper resents the comparison which has been made with similar allegations voiced against Jews in the Middle Ages. "Al Hamishmar" does not believe that the Jews burned in Mayence and elsewhere, were really guilty of spreading the plague germs, but is convinced that the Americans are.

"Hador" (Mapai), however, replies to Dr. Sneh, noting the striking similarity between his argumentation (before an impartial investigation has been carried out) and the arguments used by the inquisition against those accused of spreading germs in the Middle Ages.

"Shame of The Hague"

Both "Herut" and "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) deal with the "shame of The Hague," the former charging that our representatives are appearing as the delegates of a defeated people and not as "victors," as had been promised by Mapai. The Herut party, on the other hand, has succeeded in enlisting the support of the Jewish masses here and abroad in the struggle against the reparations talks, the paper says.

"Kol Ha'am" says that the main objective of the declaration of the German Democrats (that Western Germany should do its utmost to produce evidence of the changed German attitude) is the rapprochement between Jews and Germans and that the ultimate objective of the talks is Israel recognition of German membership in NATO.

$100 a Head

Mr. Gershon Agron, in a report in "Hador" on his mission in America, writes that the difference between Zionists and non-Zionists in the U.S. is one of planned and unplanned parenthood. "Though the child has come as a surprise for non-Zionists, it is not an unwanted one." The key to the heart of American Jewry has, perhaps, not yet been found, but our request for help is certainly not an exaggerated one. Expressed in material terms it is $100 for every American Jew.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' PUBLIC SPIRIT

From a Correspondent

Last year a group of about 120 Hebrew University students devoted a considerable portion of their spare time to working among new immigrants in *ma'barot* near Jerusalem. This involved teaching the immigrants Hebrew, arithmetic and other subjects; leading them in community singing; and giving them instruction in various aspects of life in Israel with a view to their integration in the country. For this purpose, each member of the group visited a specific *ma'bara* about once every two weeks.

Three months ago, the group decided that it should expand its activities for the present year in view of the students' deep concern over the deterioration of public morals in the Yishuv, and the desire to introduce a healthier spirit into the life of the community. The group therefore drew up a programme which, while providing for the continuance of the work in the *ma'barot*, took the group time added to their studies. This programme was placed before the Students' Organization, which adopted it unanimously. Efforts are now being made to enrol the largest possible number of students to help implement the programme.

Emphasis is laid on the education of the public through meetings, talks, pamphlets, posters, slogans, etc. Details are now being worked out and efforts are being made to enlist the cooperation of writers, artists and cartoonists. The initiative of the students has been heartily welcomed by the Rector of the University, Professor M. Schwabe, and it is hoped that University lecturers will assist in drawing up and supervising educational programmes.

The students also want to stimulate wide public interest in regional consumers councils now being organized by the Department of Commerce and Industry. The students may have undertaken a far more difficult task than they realize. But whether they achieve results or not, their eagerness to improve conditions in this country and the deep sense of responsibility revealed in it are most encouraging.

RE-INSURANCE PREMIUMS

POST Reporter

The urgently awaited Treasury decision in regard to the dollar rate for re-insurance premiums, which local insurance concerns will have to pay to foreign re-insurance companies (mainly in Switzerland and England), will have an important implication for the financial status of Israel firms.

To become more independent of re-insurance concerns abroad, the management of the Hassneh Insurance Co., of Israel Ltd., Tel Aviv, last year began to retain the savings proportion of the premiums of their life business and to reinsure only the death risk. This new system, followed by all larger insurance companies in the world, has reduced the amount paid to foreign re-insurance firms by 75 per cent, and also the amount to be expected from abroad in the case of death or if the policy matures.

"Life" assured with Hassneh at the end of last year came to over IL.11m., an increase of IL.2.8m. during the year. The number of policies in force rose from 23,400 in 1950 to about 27,000 in December, 1951. Life premiums totalled IL.540,000 in 1951, or IL.100,000 more than the year before.

Together with a premium income of around IL.1.3m. from the general insurance branches, including marine insurance, and a quarter of a million pounds from the Company's investments, Hassneh will report a total income in 1951 of IL.2,300,000, a rise of IL.-$43,000 over the 1950 figure. A Hassneh building is going up in Beersheba.

UNICEF Programme

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) will discontinue its supplementary feeding programme for school children at the end of this month, it was announced recently. The Government, however, will maintain and expand the project, it was said.

UNICEF is to continue its assistance in the long range health and welfare programme. At the meeting of the UNICEF Executive Board on April 22, it will be recommended that Israel be allocated funds to buy equipment to pasteurise the bottled milk supplied to the three main cities and their surroundings.

Gifts to University Agricultural Faculty

Large gifts from abroad have enabled the Hebrew University to enlarge its School of Agriculture into a Faculty and to double its enrolment to accommodate 50 students a year, it was announced recently.

In addition to mixed farming, specialized courses are now given in field crops, animal husbandry, and horticulture, in an effort to meet the needs of the country's rapid agricultural expansion.

PICA has added £30,000 (IL.40,000 at the new exchange rates for national institutions) to the £40,000 it gave a year ago for building. The Jewish Colonization Association (ICA) recently contributed £10,000 (IL.20,000) towards building additional lecture halls and laboratories, in addition to its annual contribution which last year was £16,000.

The San Francisco Chapter of the American Friends of the Hebrew University has raised $70,000 out of its $110,000 goal. From England, an anonymous gift of £18,000 has been received for laboratory equipment, and another £3,000 was raised at a public dinner in London.

HEBREW FOR EXPORT

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Yosef Katz, representative of Hebrew publishers in New York, has arrived here to discuss the increased export of Hebrew books to the U.S.

An average of $50,000 worth of such books were sold in the U.S. in recent years.

Book exports are handicapped by the lack of paper, according to Mr. V. Chesbik, chairman of the Publishers' Association. In 1951, the publishers reportedly received 800 tons of paper instead of the 1,500 needed.

Dizengoff Line Plans Extensions

THE Dizengoff Shipping Company, whose third freighter has just made her maiden run from America to Israel under the firm's flag, is planning to go into the North European cargo business, Mr. R.H. Graetz, owner of the company, told *The Post* last week. Meanwhile, the new s.s. Abraham Graetz and her sister ships, the Meir Dizengoff and Henrietta Szold, are maintaining a monthly transatlantic freighter run.

One of the three partners of Meir Dizengoff, Tel Aviv's father and first mayor, Mr. Graetz said that American sympathy with the Jewish cause had facilitated the purchase of the three 9,400-ton freighters in the past two years.

"Soon after the State was established," Mr. Graetz said, "I went to America to try to get ships. I had only $50,000. I went to bankers, industrialists and Zionist leaders and eventually I discussed the matter with the directors of the Isthmian Shipping Company, a subsidiary of United States Steel, whose agents we had been in Palestine for many years."

The Isthmian directorate, mainly Irish-Americans who "deeply understood" Israel's fight for independence, "showed their confidence by extending a credit of 95 per cent of the value of the freighters as well as advancing the operational expenses of the vessels. From that start, we've made a turnover of $4,000,000 in the past two years."

Claiming that Israel's mercantile marine is "a weak and ailing child neglected by the Government which should nurse and strengthen it," Mr. Graetz said that he believed the merchant navy's economic, political and strategic importance was not sufficiently appreciated in Government circles.

Ample Scope

The Scandinavian countries, for example, derive their main income from shipping," he said "Denmark made $130,000,000 through her merchant navy last year." The ship-owner said there was ample scope for Israel vessels all over the world if existing opportunities were taken advantage of commercially.

Though the company mans its ships with 90 per cent Israelis, Mr. Graetz said that the situation with regard to licensed personnel was critical. "The Minister of Communications will have to adopt a realistic policy of assisting responsible ship-owners to create an Israel merchant navy in fact as well as in name." Mr. Graetz wanted some of the Israel pilots in Haifa port to take vessels to sea.

The new vessel, now in Israel waters, is named the Abraham Graetz, after Mr. R.H. Graetz's father, and it is skippered by his 24-year-old son, Adam, a red-bearded giant who first went to sea in trawlers out of Haifa when he was 15. Aboard the British-owned s.s. Meron, plying between the Middle East and the U.K., deck-hand Graetz found that all his superior officers were Egyptians.

After studying at a British nautical school, he became third officer on a 14,000-ton English tanker but resigned to Palestine in 1947 to serve with the incipient Israel navy. After a spell on the Wedgwood, he was given command of a 700-ton immigrant ship, "Sha'ar Ha-Yishuv," operating on the Marseilles-Haifa run.

MONTY JACOBS

Independence Day Sports Planned

Young athletes will play an important part in the sports programmes of the Independence Day celebrations this year. Events are planned in all towns and villages as well as in the *ma'barot*.

Military Sport Expands

A wide programme of sports activities is planned for Israel Defence Army personnel, according to an Army spokesman at a recent Press Conference in Tel Aviv. Regular games in League and Cup competitions in all sports had been arranged, he said.

The sports covered were soccer, basketball, volleyball and table tennis, while for the very first time the military were forming their own basketball and volleyball leagues. Prior to the commencement of the League programmes, Unit games were held to provoke enthusiasm for sport and for a competitive League competition.

Main Event

The main event on the card, the spokesman said, was the Military Sports Day scheduled for November 20 to take place at the end of the League and Cup programmes in which the selected men of all Companies would take part. In addition to the above sports, League and Cup tourneys were planned in tug-of-war, swimming, light athletics and boxing.

The purpose of an enlarged sports programme, the spokesman explained, was twofold: to inculcate the traditions of sport into soldiers as well as to provide them with physical training. It was planned not to hold Army events on Saturdays or holidays, so as not to interfere with the civilian sports programmes, and close liaison was being maintained with civilian sports bodies, the spokesman added.

Maccabi Accommodate Hapoel Rally

As Hapoel plan to hold their Mass Rally during Passover, Maccabi have agreed to a Hapoel request to postpone their IXth Congress until the Feast of Tabernacles.

Hockey Starts Again

The Maccabi sponsored Israel Hockey Federation has promoted a rebirth of activities in that sport. Boys up to 14 years of age are now contesting the Maccabi Youth Cup, while other contests covering youths up to 18 and men teams are scheduled.

Two Records at "Y" Swimming Contest

Two new records were established at the annual Y.M.C.A. and Hebrew University intersemester swimming competition held recently at the "Y". When the event first started last year only women took part, but this year men and schoolboy and girl swimmers, of the "Jerusalem Schools Selected," participated, making a total of 40 entrants.

Vivian Chasson, of the Hebrew Gymnasia, was responsible for both new records, covering the women's 40 metres backstroke in 36.4 seconds (to beat the previous best "Y" time of 37.0 secs. set in 1940), and the 60 metres crawl in 52 seconds (five seconds better than the 57.0 secs. established in 1939).

Ezra Sussman, of the Y.M.C.A., a student at Beit Hakerem and a native of Ramat Yochanan, returned the very good time of 1 min. 12.0 secs. to win the men's 100 metres crawl and also gained an easy win in 2 mins. 50.8 secs. in the 200 metres freestyle. Eliezer Dibon, of the University, kept the audience on tenterhooks as he swam 52 metres under water. The two relay races between the "Y" and H.U. teams were hotly contested, and brought a win to each. Medals to the winners were distributed by Mrs. L. Putnam, wife of the General Secretary of the "Y".

RESULTS: Men: 100 m. crawl: 1. I. Sussman (Y), 1:12.0; 2. E. Fefferman (Y), 1:12.6; 3. A. Machnes (H.U.), 1:21.6. 100 m. breast-stroke: 1. M. Witkowsky (Y), 1:32.5; 2. C. Shikolo (Y), 1:34.4; 3. U. Kaufmann (H.U.), 1:40.5. 40 m. backstroke: 1. M. Amir (H. U.), 31.0; 2. A. Taussig (Y), 34.0; 3. Y. Rudman (H.U.), 35.2. 200 m. freestyle: 1. E. Sussman (Y), 2:50.8; 2. E. Fefferman (Y), 5.07.8; 3. S. Golomb (H.U.), 3.27.2. Relay 3x40 m. mixed: 1. Hebrew Un. (Machnes, Kaufmann and Amir), 1:31.0; 2. Y.M.C.A., 1:35.0. Relay 4x40 m. crawl: 1. Y.M.C.A. (Heckt, Fefferman Brothers and Sussman), 1:49.0; 2. H.U., 1:50.8. Underwater swimming: 1. E. Dibon (H.U.) 52. m.; 2. A. Dadon (Y), 50 m.; 3. A. Galewsky (Y), 47 m. Women: 60 m. breast-stroke: 1. Berta Perlmutter (H.U.), 1:03.5; 2. Yudith Haynal (Y), 1:08.6; 3. Ruth Petzel (H.U.), 1:08.9. 60 m. crawl: 1. Vivian Chasson (Schools Sel.), 52.5; 2. Chava Porth (H.U.), 59.5; 3. Miryam Zarfati (Y), 1:07.7. 40 m. backstroke: 1. B. Perlmutter (H.U.), 46.5; 2. Margalit Szasz (Y), 46.7; 3. Ella Halperin (Y), 52.0. 3x20 m. mixed: 1. Schools Sel. (Lehrs, Sagri and Chasson), 53.7; 2. H.U., 56.5. Underwater swimming: 1. E. Halperin (Y), 26 m.; 2. Killa. Sagri (S.S.), 20 m.; 3. Miryam Goldberg (S.S.), 18 m. Schoolgirls Invitation 60 m. breast-stroke: 1. Yudith Lehrs (Gymnasia), 1:06.0; 2. M. Goldberg (Selegberg), 1:06.7; 3. Naomi Lewi (Bet Hakerem), 1:16.4. Schoolboys Invitation 60 m. crawl: 1. Dan Malin (Gymnasia), 44.6; 2. Shraga Herlz (Elem. School B. Hakerem), 47.4; 3. Dead heat Dan Glass and Sami Kalisker (B. Hakerem).

A.W.

Israel Diver Impressed South Africans

Yoav Rasnan, Israel Maccabi's diving star, received favourable press comment on his performances in the recent Transvaal Swimming Association competition. He has now left for the United States where he will take part in the preparations of the American swimming Olympic Games "probables."

At the Cinema

"ODETTE" (Edison, J'lem), reviewed in these columns on March 3, is the true story of a woman who is parachuted into Nazi-occupied France. Anna Neagle is superb in the title-role and is excellently supported by Trevor Howard and Marius Goring in this brilliant British production directed by Wilcox.

Triple Theme

"WATCH the Birdie" (Eden, J'lem), has Red Skelton playing three roles — grandfather, father and son. His adventures include a near drowning and rescue by millionairess (Arlene Dahl), his inadvertent shooting of a plot to cheat Miss Dahl and a subsequent wild chase. Ann Miller and Leon Ames are in the cast.

Hollywood About Broadway

"MEET Me After the Show" (Zion, J'lem), has all the polish and poise of a George Jessel production. It is a typical Technicolor musical about a successful Broadway producer, MacDonald Carey, who is estranged for his star-wife, Betty Grable.

Eddie Albert and Rory Calhoun co-star. The movie has some good dancing and music. The programme also includes a special attraction in the form of a Technicolor Fox Documentary on Israel, "The Magnetic Time."

FRANGO

"CAPTAIN Horatio Hornblower" (Orion, Tel Aviv) is an excellently produced adventure film based on the novel by C. F. Forester which tells the story of H.M.S. Lydia and her commander, while the ship was on duty in the Caribbean in 1807. An old-fashioned naval battle and the sudden appearance on board of the beautiful sister of Nelson himself provided a dramatic climax. Gregory Peck and Virginia Mayo are in the lead.

State Secrets

"STATE SECRET" (Tamar, Tel Aviv) makes fun in quite a sarcastic way of a totalitarian state and its devilish propaganda-cum-security minister, Douglas Fairbanks is not without poignancy as the American surgeon called to the sick bed of the dictator of "Vasnia".

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STOCK MARKET

TEL AVIV

MARCH 23		Rise or fall
Govt. Loan		
3½—53	100[illegible]	—
— 55	100	—c)
— 56	100[illegible]	—
Dep. Loan		
50-75 (IL.10)	99	—
3½% Issue Dollar	174½	+2½
5% Nat. Loan (large)	—	—
E. Israel Ord. sh.	240	—
A.P.S. Issues		
6% Debs. 50/70	109½	—
4½% Pref. Sh.	115	—
Ord. Sh. "B"	133½	—
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs. 44/63	88½	—c)
6% Pref. Sh.	90½	—c)
Rizur Debs.		
4% 44/58	91½	—c)
4½% 52/66 reg.	90½	—
Nat. Lab.		
4% Debs. 39/59	90	—
5% Pref. Sh.	62	—
4½% Pref. Sh. reg	56½	—6)
Paas Debs.		
4% 42/62	84½	—
P.L.D.C.		
6% Pref. Sh.	123	—a)
Ord. Sh.	225½	—1
5% Debs.	159	—2
Alr. Pal. Inv. ord.	160½	—2b)
Ba-mi		
6% Debs. 56/63 reg.	77	—c)
6% Pref. Ord. Sh.	107	—
Pal. Elec.		
Ord. Sh. (Israel)	38/9	—
Mekorot Pref. Sh.	70	—
Ata 6% C Pr. Sh.	104½	—1
Ord. Sh. "B" Sh.	140½	—1
Eddida 4½% pr. Sh.	68½	—
Pal. Credit. Tr.	77½	—
Pal. Beaver Bd.		
Ser. 1	72½	—
Ser. 2	74½	—
Ser. 3	75½	+½

Notes a) purchasing price
b) selling price
c) ex coupon
d) ex rights.

SWISS QUOTATIONS

GENEVA, March 15 (A.P.)—The following are yesterday's banknote quotations in Swiss francs (average of buying and selling rates):

United States (dollar)	4.35½
Canada (dollar)	4.34
Great Britain (pound)	10.20
France (100 fr.)	0.99½
West Germany (100 mk.)	92.80
Belgium (100 fr.)	7.90
Holland (100 guilders)	104.00
Sweden (100 kroner)	73.00
Italy (100 lire)	0.64
Austria (100 sch.)	14.15
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	0.95
Denmark (100 kr.)	93.00
Norway (100 kr.)	91.00
Egypt (Eg. pound)	9.45
Israel (Isr. pound)	2.05
Spain (100 pesetas)	6.55
Portugal (100 escudos)	14.55
Argentina (100 pesos)	17.60
Brazil (100 cruzeiros)	13.20
Turkey (Turk. pound)	1.80

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON SUNDAY

Maria, Fin., Prefab. Houses. Hanah Seneeh, Is., Coast. Unloading. Gavriel, It., Coast. Unloading. Borealis, Nor., Sugar Cargo. Risk. Heeter, Dut., Loading Citrus. Masses, Nor., Wheat. Tamar, Is., Prefab. Houses. Gen. Cargo. Eilenes, It., Gen. Cargo. Rimon, Is., Gen. Cargo. Holland, Sw., Potatoes. Gen. Cargo. Vassbolm, Sw., Gen. Cargo. Radosk, Yug., Wood. Gen. Cargo. Kassos, Gr., Soya. Kondov, Bul., Onions. Black, Is., Gen. Cargo. Exiloss, U.S., Coast. Unloading. Abraham Graetz, Is., Coast. Unloading. Semra, Pan., Waiting to Offload. Cavedrigelo, Pan., Wood. Galilah, Is., Being Repaired. Meir Dizengoff, Is., Waiting to Offload. Kamelnik, Is., Waiting to Offload.

SHIPS EXPECTED

23.3	Aydas, Swe., Deadw., Gen. Cargo.	
	Teresa, Swe., Sail., Kissref., Gen. Cargo.	
	Dimitrov, Iron. Gen. Cargo. Abbazia, Passengers. Gen. Cargo.	
24.3	Transilvania, Immigrants. Gen. Cargo. Champollion, Passengers.	
25.3	Cristo Soureassky, Coa.	
26.3	Brucha Feld, Gen. Cargo.	
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Notice to the Public

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR DRIVERS.

The Ministry of Communications — Controller of Road Transport — announces:

Beginning Tuesday, March 18, 1952, medical examinations for drivers in the Southern District, applying for a driving licence, will be held at the Licensing Office in Tel Aviv instead of at the offices of the Ministry of Health.

As from the above mentioned date, drivers in the Southern District are requested to apply for their medical examinations to the Licensing Office in Tel Aviv only.

GOVERNMENT LOANS' ADMINISTRATION

Drawing of War Loan (Bearer Bonds) 1948, Second Series.

The 28th draw of the above loan will take place on Thursday, April 3, 1952 at 9 a.m., at the Ohel Shem Hall, 30 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv.

Entrance free. The public is invited.

Drawing of War Loan (Bearer Bonds) 1946, Fourth Series.

The 24th draw of the above mentioned loan will take place on Thursday, April 3, 1952 at 9.30 a.m., at the Ohel Shem Hall, 30 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv.

Entrance free. The public is invited.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

8-4: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. Rosenna. Bus 3A. Feeding time: 2-3 p.m.

9-1; 2-5. Exhibition—Sculptures by Constant. Paris: Swiss Pottery. Bezalel Museum.

9-1; 4-6: Archaeological Exhibition: Dept. of Antiquities: 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-5: Sanhedria Tomb.

10-1; 4-7. Exhibition of paintings by Y. Krise and the permanent exhibition by Jerusalem artists: Artists House.

11-1: Exhibition of Posters by S. Grodzensun: New Bezalel School.

11.30-1.30: Prize Shows of Israel: Kiryat Hayesod Head Office.

9 p.m.: "Henry VIII," Y.M.C.A. Hall, auspices—Prize Appreciation Society.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Exhibition of Toulouse Lautrec lithographs: also "Hadassim," by Ganza Cittle for popular Jewish art Museum.

8 p.m.: "The Glass Menagerie," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

7 & 9.30 p.m.: Li-La-Lo News; Li-La-Lo Theatre: Jaacka Hankin Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of paintings by Meditta Schiffer: Artists Pavilion, 32 Rehov Hador (opp. Carmelia Court).

11-1; 4-6: Destruction and Revolt of the Ghetto in Art and Literature (1939-45). The Museum of Art, Haifa Municipality (new wing).

Jerusalem Cinemas

at 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Baghdad.
EDEN: Watch the Birdie.
EDISON: Odette.
ORION: Meet Me After the Show.
SEMADAR: Tarzan & His Slave Girl.
STUDIO: Alice in Wonderland.
ZION: Rawhide.

ISRAEL DEFENCE FORCES — GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

DEFENCE SERVICE LAW — 1949

CALL UP OF RESERVES

By virtue of the power vested in me in accordance with Para 7 (Gimmel) of the Defence Service Law 1949, I hereby order every Reserve soldier attached to a unit of the Israel Defence Forces Reserves, to report for service with the Reserves (monthly report) as follows:

1. A soldier in the Reserves whom this call up for service concerns and who had been informed by his commander or by an officer acting on his behalf that he belongs to one of the groups listed below, is hereby ordered to report for service with the Reserves (monthly report) on the date and time indicated to him by his commander or by an officer acting on his behalf.

Hereunder is a list of the groups, titles and dates for their report:

Today, Monday, March 24, 1952, will report:
at 4.30 p.m. SIACH SHOSHANIM
at 5 p.m. CHOMMA UMIGDAL
at 5.30 p.m. BNEI YERUBAAL
at 6 p.m. URI ZAFFON,
NOSEI HALAPIDIM,
KANFEI NESHARIM, LE'EZRAT HAAM, LOA ASL,
KAL KATZVI, BEUR CHAMETZ, KAV LAKAV,
TCHELET VEARGAMAN, SHABLULEI VAAL,
KENUT VEHEEMANUT, PAT BAG,
VAGATA MATZATA, DIMDUMEI EREV,
KANARIT KTUMA.

2. A Reserves soldier whom this order concerns and who is unable to report at the place indicated to him by his commander or by an officer acting on his behalf on the date and at the time noted above for reasons of being at the time of this order's publication too far from the place indicated to him as above as the place to which he must report, will report at once to the Town Majory office or the nearest military police base.

GIDEON SHOCKEN — Aluf Mishneh
Acting Adjutant General

The HEBREW NATIONAL
OPERA
TEL AVIV Habimah
Tomorrow, March 25 at 8.30 p.m.
"Fledermaus"
(THE BAT)
Operetta in 3 acts by Johann Strauss
NATHANYA Stavia
Monday, March 31 8.30 p.m.
HAIFA Arania
Thursday, April 3 8 p.m.
Carmen
Opera in 4 acts by Bizet
Participants:
EDIE DE PHILIPPE
D. Halevy, I. Hilf, A. Shmulik, I. Pollak, O. Yalak, E. Cohen, H. Dorah, Dan Tavor, A. Gamzoli, M. Bardi, Ben Gurion, Z. Levy-Gabai, S. Shaul, M. Kaldon, R. Feldstein
Conductor: G. SINGER
Tickets Sold: 67 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv; "Kassit" Theatre, Jaffa, and at the Habimah Box Office, Natanya, Sharon Cinema.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 9
Tel Aviv, Ohel Shem, tonight at 8.30
Series: I.
Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 25, Workers' Hall
ADDITIONAL COST VOUCHERS WILL BE SOLD before the concert and during the interval at the Ohel Shem Office.

PARNASSUS
The only concerts under the patronage of the Finnish Consul General in Israel, Mr. Oberman, and the Finnish Consuls, Messrs. A. Friedman and A. Nunes of
The Polytech Chorus of Finland
JERUSALEM: Thursday, March 27, Zion Cinema, 8.30 p.m. Tickets at Culnet's.
HAIFA: March 28, Arania Cinema, 8 p.m. (in aid of the War Invalids Fund). Tickets at Kupat and Beniet, 37 Rehov Herzl.
KIRYAT HAIM: Friday, March 28, Bet Am, 8.30 p.m. (in aid of the War Invalids Fund). Tickets at Bet Am.
TEL AVIV: Saturday, March 29, Ohel Shem Hall, 8.30 p.m. (Sale of tickets and bookings)

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Today's Post Bag

WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	65	4	19	17
Haifa	—	10	20	17
Nahariya	61	7	18	16
Tel Aviv Port	63	7	18	16
Lydda Airport	60	5	21	17
Jerusalem	53	6	19	12
Beersheba	59	4	21	15

Palestine International Showers in the eastern especially in North and Central Israel. Temporary clearing in afternoon. A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Mean max. temp. C) Mean temp. yesterday D) Mean temp. expected today.

Four cans of cardboard were requested by wired by Ministry of Commerce Supervisors in the Petakh Tikva road yesterday. Some 40 thousands of eggs at Rosh Ha'ayin and other rationed food supplies were seized by inspectors on Tel Aviv-Jaffa roads, and other vehicles during the past week.

Timber valued at hundreds of pounds, stolen recently from Jaffa Port, was discovered in a Jaffa carpentry shop yesterday. The owner was detained.

The fourth youth concert in Tel Aviv will be held in the Ohel Shem Hall at 4.30 this afternoon. All tickets have already been sold.

The Post Office branch at 2 Rehov Pinsker in Tel Aviv will be closed from Tuesday to Friday.

The Tourist Department of the Ministry of Commerce has moved from No. 7 to No. 19 and 24 Rehov Ben ez Hakiryo.

The Ministry of Health has announced that four of the six recently unbalanced pastries who resigned from the Agra Mazuzi House recently have returned.

Electrical measuring instruments, 100 radio tubes, a radio set and other equipment valued at IL.1,300 were stolen from the shop of David Farshein in the Givat Shaul quarter of Jerusalem on Saturday night. Police are investigating.

Lysol Near Wine Fault of Club

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — After drinking a toast at an Independence Day celebration at the "Noah's Ark" soldiers' club here last year, nine soldiers fell to the floor writhing with pain.

What they had drunk was lysol, it was discovered later at the Hadassah Hospital. Though they were saved, the men still have not completely recovered.

In the Magistrate's Court here today, the judge acquitted Mrs. Yocheved Werner, wife of a pharmacist, who last year had sold a bottle of lysol to Miss Rahel Saadia, a charwoman at the club.

Miss Saadia kept the lysol under the bar in a wine bottle. She claimed that it was sold to her without a label, but this was denied by the accused. The judge held that since it was proved that the accused had always labelled the drugs she sold, the fault really lay with arrangements in the club, where a bottle of lysol could be kept under the bar with wine bottles.

MIZRAHI CELEBRATION

A reception on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the World Mizrahi Movement was held yesterday at Bet Meir in Jerusalem.

Speeches of appreciation for the work of the organization were delivered by Mr. M. Shapiro, Minister of Interior, Mr. D. Z. Pinkas, Minister of Communications, Mr. B. Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Rabbi Ze'ev Gold of the Agency Executive.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Carrots: 250 grams. Yud 6, temporary, 45, zone 6. Cauliflower: 250 grams. Yud 27, temporary, 38. Green onions: 100 grams. Kaf 5, temporary, 45, zone 11. Dried onions: 350 grams. Yud 38, zones 1,2,3.

TEL AVIV: Rations for sick persons: Butter: 100 grams: Het Aleph, Bet and Gimel: 2,10 and 12, respectively. Eggs: 3. Het Aleph, Bet, 4 and 12, respectively; 6, Het Gimel 12. Rice: 500 grams. Het Aleph, Bet and Gimel 9,12,12, respectively.

Transilvania Due With Only 197

POST Reporter

The report that only 197 immigrants are to arrive today in the s.s. Transilvania has revived speculation on the internal conditions in Rumania which make for the greatly reduced immigration. The Transilvania has, at the height of the immigration, brought as many as 2,000 Rumanian Jews to Israel on each of its regular trips.

Immigrants who arrived on the ship last week reported that hundreds of Jews who had succeeded in securing exit visas were unable to make the trip because of lack of funds. High immigration officials here confirm that the recent currency reform in Rumania has reduced the means of prospective immigrants to such an extent that the trip from their homes to Constanza Port and the various expenditures involved in effecting their exit, constitute an often insurmountable obstacle.

The average cost involved, according to estimates by well-informed circles, comes to 928 Lei (the equivalent, at the present rate of exchange, of $80), all of which must be paid by the immigrant himself. For a family of four, this would mean an outlay of 3,712 Lei — impossible for many after the currency reform.

The actual ship fare from Constanza to Haifa — $60 per passenger — is paid by the Jewish Agency. Contrary to oft-circulated reports, there is no "flat rate" for each Transilvania trip irrespective of the number of passengers. If there are 100 passengers, the Agency pays $6,000; if there are 1000 passengers, the fee is $60,000.

Immigration officials here, who have the situation under constant scrutiny, are hopeful that Rumanian Jews will somehow find the means to overcome the financial obstacle.

The whole matter is considerably complicated by current Rumanian deportations of those elements considered "unsuitable" for the "labour character" of five of the country's largest cities. Most seriously affected are the Jews because of their vulnerable economic stratification. Whereas the status of prospective immigrants, according to recent arrivals, has been taken into consideration by Rumanian authorities, it is not known how they will react towards Jews who, for financial or other reasons, are unable to make the trip on the date authorized.

PEARL NECKLACE LOST IN CROWDED BUS

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—A pearl necklace worth IL.500 was reportedly removed from the neck of Mr. Malka Hadad while she stood in a crowded bus on her way from Tel Aviv to Mishmar Hashiva last night.

The woman told the police that the bus was crowded to capacity and that she discovered the theft only upon reaching home.

CAR "FOUND"

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Two 18-year old youths, Aron Salgek and Ya'acov Levi, were arrested here today when found driving a jeep stolen earlier from the Mekorot Water Company in Tel Aviv. They told the police they had "found" the vehicle.

Prison Preferred

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM)— Mazal Baishi, a mother of seven children, chose prison rather than pay a fine of IL.40 imposed upon her by the Anti-Profiteering Tribunal here on Friday.

Charged with selling two 340 pruta cinema tickets for 800 pruta each, she claimed that this was the amount offered to her and not demanded by her. She chose a fortnight's imprisonment out of indignation, though the Judge suggested that payment of the fine be postponed.

OVERCHARGING CASES

HAIFA, Sunday. — For selling 200 grams of leather at 400 prutot instead of the controlled price of 300 prutot, at his leather shop in December 1950, Ya'acov Sternberg was fined IL.250, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment, by Dr. A. Bach at the Magistrate's Court here today. The accused paid the fine.

Avraham Ossenbois, who was found guilty of selling a tropical hat for IL.1,900, instead of the controlled price of IL. 1,750 was fined IL.500, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment. He chose to serve three months.

RELEASED ON BAIL

TEL AVIV, Sunday —Eliahu Zurer, 38, suspected of the daring robbery of IL.80,000-worth of Hamashbir Hamerkazi goods by forging signatures and documents, was released in IL.1,000 by the Magistrate here today. He had been under arrest since March 6.

KAROBELNIK'S FATHER GIVES EVIDENCE

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Isar Karobelnik, father of Yeruham and Yehuda, who are charged with the murder of Nissim Levi in Jaffa last year, told the District Court here today that he had seen the murdered man fleeing after the fight with Yehuda, with the latter at his side.

Asked by the Prosecution why he had not reported such a vital fact to the police during the six months which had elapsed since the day of the murder, he replied that he did not know it was expected of him.

Concerning the blood which had been found on his wife's green apron, Mr. Karobelnik said that she had used the apron to wipe bloodstains from the bathroom floor after she had hurt her leg. He also said that he had seen his wife cut a lemon with a kitchen knife on which blood later had been found.

BRIBE CHARGE

HAIFA, Sunday. — A former Control Department official was arrested here on Friday by his ex-colleagues who trapped him just after he had allegedly accepted a "bribe".

A few days after his discharge, the ex-official is said to have offered to inform an electrical appliance merchant of impending checks by the Department against a fee of IL.30. When he came to collect the fee, the merchant handed him marked banknotes and detectives who were waiting nearby promptly arrested the man.

An inspector of the Department was also detained on suspicion of stealing from apartments during unauthorized searches.

DRUGGIST HELD

A Jerusalem druggist, whose name police are withholding, was detained yesterday on suspicion of having sold six boxes of anti-lumbago drug for IL.75. A search of his shop revealed four more boxes of the same drug, which police believe were sent to a Jerusalem resident by a relative as a gift and found their way to the pharmacy for alleged sale on the black market. (Itim)

SMUGGLING FROM JORDAN CASE

Letters allegedly indicating business relations with smugglers from Jordan were uncovered in the search of the home of Rahamim Eliahu Yosef in the Romema quarter last week, following the discovery of 42 metres of bed-linen in his possession. He was remanded yesterday pending trial. Police arrested another man on suspicion of acting as a go-between.

FRIENDS SAID

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — "My friends told me that only Mrs. Gross and her daughter lived in four rooms," Ya'acov Miller, 24, told the police after he had been evicted from one of the rooms of Mrs. Gross' flat at 129 Rehov Ben Yehuda here today.

He had earlier in the day occupied the room by force. According to neighbours, Mrs. Gross is a widow who maintains herself by renting out the rooms.

Shawls for Luck

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Thieves who broke into the synagogue of Moshav Tifrah in the northern Negev last night, stole five prayer shawls. Caught shortly afterwards and asked why they had stolen the shawls, they said "Jewish Kefiyes" bring luck."

Thief Walks Out Of Police Van

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Zechariya Mizrahi, 22, who was sentenced by the District Court here last Thursday to two years' imprisonment for robbery, escaped on Friday as he was being brought to the Magistrate's Court here on charges of having committed another theft.

Police say that Mizrahi, who also has other charges against him, had been left behind in the police van when other prisoners were taken into the Court. He left the van and has not been caught yet.

DEAD FROM POISONING WITH NOXIOUS OIL

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — Ephraim Zargerin, 52, of the Bet Lidd camp, died in the Rosh Ha'ayin hospital today. He was the third and last member of his family to die of stomach poisoning, after he, his wife and eight-year old son fell ill 12 days ago after eating food cooked in noxious oil. His wife, Zarifa, 28, and the boy died last week.

DIED FROM BURNS

HAIFA, Sunday. — Jacko Shahadi, 30, of Haifa, was badly burned yesterday afternoon when a bottle of benzine with which he was cleaning his clothes exploded. He was taken to the Rothschild Hospital where he died later.

BLACK REFRIGERATORS CHARGES COMING

HAIFA, Sunday. — Forty-seven cases involving refrigerators allegedly acquired illegally will soon be brought to court here following the completion of a seven-month investigation. Police are reported to believe that the refrigerators were paid for by the recipients in Israel pounds, but that they were bought abroad with foreign currency obtained by the black market sale of the Israel currency smuggled out of the country.

Forty-two of the refrigerators are alleged to have been purchased by members of Histadrut cooperatives. One of the men believed to have organized the transactions, a Solel Boneh employee, was released on IL.1,000 bail shortly after the deals were uncovered.

ALLEGED ROBBER GANG HELD

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A suit length left by thieves who had stolen all other cloth in a shop, led the police to the discovery of what is believed to be a gang of robbers.

The theft, committed on march 13, occurred in the tailor shop owned by David Makish in Rehov 22 in Jaffa. Acting on the assumption that the piece left behind might have been left untouched on instruction from its owner, police traced the owner, Zecharyia Mizrahi, 25, in whose house stolen cloth was found from a robbery committed last January in Rehov Hacarmel here, from a shop owned by F. Binkel. The piece found in the Jaffa shop was owned by F. Binkel. The piece found in the Jaffa shop was also recognized by Binkel as having been stolen from him.

Police then searched the homes of three persons often observed in Mizrahi's company, David Hacohen, 20, Aryeh Mizrahi, 20, and Yosef Chazan, 23, and found large quantities of stolen cloth. Police believed that Z. Mizrahi had instructed the thieves who had committed the Binkel robbery not to touch the piece of cloth which was intended for a suit for himself.

The four alleged thieves were detained and remanded in custody for 15 days by the Magistrate here on Friday.

Surprising Behaviour Of Theatre Public

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Israel theatre audiences who "just get up and walk out" at the end of a play have surprised Mr. Norman Marshall, the English producer now here at the invitation of the Chamber Theatre to produce Ben Jonson's "Volpone." Mr. Marshall told pressmen this morning that he had also noticed the "interiseness of theatregoers here as they watch and listen."

Translated by Natan Alterman, "Volpone" is due to be presented at the beginning of May. Mr. Marshall calls it "a lesson against greed."

Mr. Marshall said he thought the Chamber Theatre was evolving a style of its own.

The suggestion that he produce a play in Hebrew had "alarmed" him at first, Mr. Marshall admitted, but Tyrone Guthrie who has already done the same, told him not to worry. "I won't be able to get the exact nuances," he said, "but actors have a magic way of getting along in all languages."

GREEK NATIONAL DAY

On the occasion of the Greek national holiday, which marks the 131st anniversary of the 1821 revolution, a Te Deum will be chanted in the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Jaffa at 10.30 tomorrow morning. After the service, the Greek Consul and Mme. Linakis will be At Home to members of the Greek community and friends of Greece at the Consulate at 59 Rehov 6 in Jaffa from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

U.S. Investment Plan Studied

POST Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — The Israel Government is studying a proposal by the American authorities for the U.S. Government to guarantee private investments by Americans in Israel against their confiscation or the loss of dollar currency.

The original Marshall Plan agreements contained a provision to encourage private investments in Marshall Plan countries by guaranteeing reconversion to dollars of both principal and profits of U.S. investments in those countries, and reimbursement in case of Socialist nationalization which investors feared in England and France — as well as in Israel.

The figures do not show any remarkable increase in private investments in Europe under the E.C.A. guarantees. But the U.S. authorities feel that such insurance cannot do any harm and may help if it is extended to Israel under the present Mutual Security Agency which has replaced the E.C.A.

The Israel Government must sign an agreement, because if any loss eventuates through a change in the Israel Investment Law or through other circumstances, the American Treasury will have a claim against Israel. Thus, if an insured investor is not permitted to recover a percentage of profit into dollars, as provided under the Israel Investment Law, the U.S. Treasury, as the insurer, will pay the sums due. Under such agreements, signed in the case of each individual investment, Israel will then recognize the U.S. Treasury as the claimant for the sum paid to the investor.

Strike Paralyses Sudan Plants, Communications

KHARTOUM Sunday, (Reuter). — All Sudan factories and communications were paralysed today for the second time in two months as workmen began a four-day general strike in support of higher wages.

The strike was called by the Sudan Workers' Federation which is demanding a 75 per cent overall increase in basic wages. The Federation recently won rises of up to 50 per cent.

APPROVAL.—The policy-making body of the Indian National Congress yesterday unanimously approved Premier Nehru's foreign policy.

Moscow Paper Attacks Histadrut Decision

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuter).— The Soviet Trade Union newspaper "Trud" today attacked the Histadrut for its decision not to send representatives to the International Economic Conference at Moscow next month.

The newspaper said that the Histadrut's reason for refusal —that the conference bore a political character — was a "smokescreen" covering up the real reason. This was that the leaders of Histadrut "do not reflect the interests of the Jewish toilers suffering from militarism and disruption of international trade ties, but are grovelling before the imperialist U.S. in an effort to hitch the economy of Israel to the chariot of American monopolies."

FOUR DELEGATES LEAVE

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Two Mapam members and two other delegates are to leave in the s.s. Transilvania tomorrow morning for Constanza, en route to Moscow to attend the International Economic Conference which opens in the Soviet capital on April 6.

The four are Mr. S. Ben-Dori, Mapam member of the Histadrut Executive; Mr. Shlomo Rosen, Secretary of Kibbutz Ha'artzi of Hashomer Hatzair; Mr. Shmuel Hamidi, an importer from Haifa, and Mr. Shimon Cohen, a building contractor.

Police to Gather in T.A. For Herut Demonstration

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Police will arrive here on Tuesday morning from all over the country in anticipation of any disturbances which may occur during Herut's anti-reparations demonstration to be held that afternoon.

The total number of police is being kept secret, but The Post was told today that the force will be large enough to cope with any violence, though none is expected.

The local Labour Council today issued a proclamation calling on workers "not to provoke and to be provoked by the Herut demonstration," but vigorously to oppose any attempt by "the Jewish fascists to renew their destructive deeds."

Herut Asks Debate

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Herut Party has asked the Knesset Praesidium to allow them to propose a debate on a motion to recall the Israel Government delegation from the reparations talks with Bonn.

6.20 a.m.
9 a.m.
2.21 p.m. (x)
6 p.m.

Departure times for trains from TEL AVIV for HAIFA (x) From Hashmona'im

8 a.m. 6 p.m.

Departure times for trains from TEL AVIV for JERUSALEM

Necas in Jordan, To Rejoin Catholicism

VATICAN CITY, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Hynek Necas, the Czechoslovak Consul in Jerusalem, has broken with his Government, left for Jordan and asked to be readmitted to the Roman Catholic Church, Vatican Radio said today.

The station said that he had asked the Representative of the Holy See in Jerusalem to arrange for the excommunication imposed on him to be lifted.

The Consul, like all Czech officials, had been faced by his Government with the alternative of joining the Communist Party, thus being automatically excommunicated, or losing his job.

U.S. Foreign Policy Seeks Freedom for All—Truman

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuter). — President Truman said today the goal of U.S. foreign policy was world peace, with all peoples free from the fear of aggression.

In the foreword to a booklet published today by the State Department, which summarizes U.S. foreign policy since the end of the war, Mr. Truman wrote:

"The purpose of American policy is to defend the independence and the integrity of the Republic. To do this we must build peace in the world, not peace at any price, but a peace in which the peoples of all countries — big and little alike — can live free from the fear of aggression. Everything we do in our relations with other countries has that paramount aim.

"We are not just sitting by, waiting to put out our fires when trouble starts in some far away place. We are actively at work, every day, with our neighbours and our friends around the world, not only to overcome any threats to world peace but also to strengthen freedom and justice so that, in the future, the danger to peace will be less."

The 79-page booklet traces the development of collective security through the U.N. and says that by meeting Communist aggression in Korea the U.N. proved collective security could work.

The booklet declared that the "most disturbing obstacle" to the freedom of all nations is the opposition of the Soviet Union. The Soviet rulers want a different kind of world in which they can bring all nations under their control, it said.

Violent Press Attacks On Malan Government

JOHANNESBURG, Sunday (Reuter). — The Johannesburg opposition paper "Sunday Times" said today that the South African Government's proposed legislation to "place sovereignty of parliament beyond doubt" was a "colossal bluff."

The paper's political correspondent said the only way of upsetting the judgment of the appeal court in the Separate Representation of Voters Act case and depriving the courts of rights which they now exercise was to take "drastic, almost revolutionary steps which will bring about a fundamental change in the method of government." He added "such a move would split South Africa, as the country has never been split before."

The Johannesburg "Sunday Express," said in an editorial, "in every case of a dictatorship, the first assault is always on the judge because a free and impartial bench ties the hands of legislators. And this latest move by the Premier smacks very much of dictatorship."

Malan's latest statement has shown his determination to flout the law by any shifting by the court's decision. That man, it seems, will stop at nothing, but he has one chance to save his honour. Our honest course is open to him, and that is to put the matter to the country immediately," the paper said.

50,000 in Guatemala Protest Communism

GUATEMALA CITY, Sunday (Reuter). — Guatemala's army was alerted for possible trouble today after an estimated 50,000 people had paraded through the capital's main streets in a demonstration against "the infiltration of Communists in the Government."

Fully-armed troops guarded the capital's airport, arsenals and other buildings.

The demonstrators carried thousands of anti-Communist signs and floats with demands that President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman clear Communists out of Guatemala. Similar protest demonstrations were being held in other cities and towns throughout the country.

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7 Cypriots Claim $4m. Fortune

By Shaba Gusbeslian

POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sunday. — Seven Cypriot women today claimed the inheritance of a $4m. fortune which has been waiting for them without their knowledge for 20 years.

Christos Eleftheriou (Greek for "Christ, for freedom") left Cyprus in 1875, a stripling of 13 in search of adventure. He joined the crew of a sponge fishing caique and sailed for the Dodecanese.

That was the last that was heard from him — until recently, when the Cyprus Greek Consul, Mr. Andreas Pappas, asked the surviving relatives of Christos to come forward and claim his vast fortune.

The Consul said that Christos had died in New York 20 years ago, leaving a fortune. It was thought that he had died at the age of seventy and a bachelor. The relatives — seven women giving legal proof that they were the deceased's nieces — came forward today.

They had considered their uncle lost and this was the first intimation they had had of his having emigrated from the Dodecanese or of his riches. How he made his fortune is still unknown — but the relatives are not worrying about that.

Yugoslav Talks With Neighbours Possible

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — Yugoslavia might be prepared to hold staff talks with Greece and Turkey if there was imminent danger of aggression on the Yugoslav borders, an authoritative diplomatic source stated yesterday.

At present there was no necessity to hold such conversations and Yugoslavia was concentrating her efforts on becoming militarily and economically strong, as the best way of warding off the possibility of aggression, the source reported.

Yugoslav relations with Greece and Turkey were cordial and likely to become more so, it was stated.

Germans Invited To Socialist Talks

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — British and French Socialists after their two-day conference here tonight telegraphed the German Social Democrats inviting them to join them in discussing the Soviet Note on Germany and also the European Defence Community next month.

The meeting, which will probably take place in Germany, is to enable German, French and British Socialist executives to confer on German defence participation, European cooperation and the relations of the three Parties, according to M. Guy Mollet, Secretary-General of the French Socialists.

Speaking to reporters at the close of the conference tonight Mr. Hugh Dalton, one of the five British delegates, said: "We are all agreed that the Soviet Note must be taken seriously in spite of the points in it which are unacceptable to us. We must seek genuinely free elections throughout Germany."

Referring to German participation in Western defence, the main subject of the meeting, Mr. Dalton said: "Some of us are against German rearmament under any conditions, others are agreed to it subject to certain conditions. But we are all unanimously against the possibility of an autonomous German army."

SCENES FOR 'SALOME'

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. William Dieterle, the Columbia film Company Director, is due to arrive here by TWA tomorrow with his wife.

It is understood that Mr. Dieterle will shoot scenes in Israel for a movie called "Salome," starring Rita Hayworth. Technical personnel are due to follow later.

Eight members of the Sandrew Bauman film Company, of Stockholm have arrived to shoot scenes for their motion picture, "Barrabas."

Cables in Brief

APPOINTMENT.—The Portuguese Government is to appoint Count Tovar, at present Secretary-General of the Portuguese Foreign Ministry, as their delegate to the NATO Council in Paris. It was officially announced on Saturday.

RIGHTS.—Means of implementing a draft convention guaranteeing women equal political rights with men are to be discussed by the U.N. Commission on the status of women which is meeting in Geneva today.

WISH.—More than 10,000 Lebanese living in overseas countries, mainly North and South America, have declared that they wish to retain their Lebanese nationality and return at a later date to their fatherland.

VICTIMS.—The latest number given of people killed by the tornadoes in the Southern States of the U.S. on Sunday is 222. Some 2,000-3,000 people were rendered homeless. 1,377 were injured.

BATTLE.—Four men described as "dangerous bandits" were killed and five others captured after a battle near Seville yesterday, Spanish Civil Guard Headquarters announced.

CLAY.—A Japanese, Dr. Sumitaro Kawamura, on Saturday claimed to have successfully used a clay "pack" of pulverized bones to mend fractured, broken or diseased bones of the human body.

APPEAL.—Pope Pius XII last night broadcast an appeal to "the great human family" to restore the Christian conscience and moral behaviour based on Christian precepts to a proper place in public and family life.

NEW BEERSHEBA NURSES SCHOOL

The Hadassah School for Practical Nurses, attached to the Haim Yassky Hospital in Beersheba, was formally opened yesterday as Hadassah representatives in Israel and the U.S. greeted the first class of 17 students, all new immigrants from surrounding *ma'barot*. The student nurses, who will remain at the school for one year, come from Pakistan, Tripoli, Tunis, Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Hungary and Rumania.

Participating in the ceremony were Dr. Kalman J. Mann, Director of the Hadassah Medical Organization, who presided, Mrs. A. Granott, of the Hadassah Council, and Mrs. Emanuel Neumann, representing American Hadassah. The leader of the course is Jerusalem-born Yael Yerushalmi, a graduate of the Hadassah School of Nursing.

Following the exercises, the guests attended the opening of Hadassah's second Tipat Halav (child care) station in Beersheba, located in the new section of the town.

Among the guests at the ceremony were Professor A. W. Binder, of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Gordon, of Boston.

NURSE SHORTAGE

The opening of the children's ward for lung diseases at the Eytanim hospital in Deir Amar in the Corridor, has been delayed due to the shortage of nurses, it was announced yesterday. The Health Ministry has asked all nurses now without work to volunteer for three months employment at the hospital. Volunteers may apply at the Health Ministry in Julian's Way in Jerusalem.

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Worldwide Black Markets

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By JESSE ZEL LURIE
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THERE are more black markets in the world now than ever before in recorded history; and they are here to stay, an international currency expert, Franz Pick, writes in "The 1951 Black Market Yearbook," the first book of international black market prices ever published. The spiral-bound soft-covered notebook sells for $25. It is available on the black market for 250 dimes.

Black markets, the direct result of inflation and the depreciation of currency, have become entrenched as a global colossus, says Mr. Pick, who is also publisher of Pick's World Currency Report, a monthly which sells for $240 a year.

"With the end of World War II, the black markets did not die," he points out. "Instead, their volume soared steadily, breaking all existing records until, in 1951, black market transactions in dollars and gold were a ten-billion dollar business. This trading took place in 56 countries with depreciated currencies and created a profession for more than 100,000 persons.

"Today, he states, "it is the black markets, with their highly efficient dealer organizations and their own codes of honour, that determine the price of gold or the value of the pound. Since the prices of currencies or precious metals can no longer be stabilized by law, Governments are not only powerless to suppress the black markets but, in some instances, are actually participating in and supporting them."

Age of Devaluation

"More currency devaluations are to be expected in the months to come," Mr. Pick says in his foreword. "More and more people will therefore disregard existing regulations in order to preserve the remaining value of whatever possessions they may have." Devaluation is defined by Mr. Pick as "an arbitrary confiscation of assets belonging to people who trusted their Government. People will always strive to own currencies and precious metals that will give them the faith—or the illusion—of permanent value. Popular distrust of what inflation can do is well founded. During the last 13 years, the paper currencies of 11 countries — Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Korea, Poland, and Rumania, involving 729 million people, were destroyed by complete depreciation. During the past 12 years, 20 other principal currencies, wage trading and saving units of 718 million human beings, lost 50 per cent and more of their value. During the last 25 months, under the increasing pressure of international rearmament, at least 57 currencies have undergone legal devaluation. This is a rather technical expression for the much simpler term of partial or complete state bankruptcy."

In the "Black Market Yearbook" Mr. Pick traces in cold figures the merciless black market developments of post-war currency depreciation. He shows "free" and black market fluctuations in dollar prices in 56 countries on a monthly basis since the end of World War II. The U.S. dollar, most prized currency of black market traders, lost seven per cent of its value during 1951, according to official statistics while the Canadian dollar gained four per cent. The Pound Sterling lost five per cent but the Israel Pound depreciated by 50(?) per cent.

Israel Pound

"During 1951, Tel Aviv's Pound sank to an all-time low," the author states. "The gigantic economic difficulties facing the Israel Government cannot be mastered with the existing means of the new country. For many years to come, Israel will depend on credits and grants from abroad and, therefore, the task of foreign exchange control may slow down — but not prevent — a further weakening of the currency.

"Black market activities during 1951 were considerable. The flight from the Israel Pound gained momentum within the country and the amounts of "Payments Tel Aviv" offered in Zurich or New York were not always easy to sell. Israel's gold and diamond dealers, as well as local capitalists, were constant buyers of 'black' dollars and Swiss francs. Trading of 'Handpayments' Tel Aviv and/or Haifa centred in New York, where it averaged 100,000 pounds daily. Zurich sometimes reported even larger deals. Beirut, Tangier and Paris also handled these payments regularly.

"Transmission of payments to Tel Aviv involved five to six days for amounts of more than 5,000 pounds while smaller amounts took anywhere from two to four weeks. Israel banknotes had an active market in New York, where an average of 2,000 Pounds changed hands daily."

Currencies which lost as much or more than the Israel Pound in 1951 included the Argentine Peso (70 per cent), the Bolivian Boliviano (62 per cent) and the Yugoslav Dinar (57 per cent).

Gold prices since the end of World War II are furnished for 35 international trading (and smuggling) centres, from New York, Bombay, Karachi and Mexico City, to Buenos Aires, Tangier, Tel Aviv and Zagreb. Similar data, never before obtainable in complete form, are also supplied on silver, platinum and diamonds. The trends of currencies and precious metals during post-war inflation are demonstrated in 79 black market graphs and 90 tables.

Mr. Pick's "Black Market Yearbook" concludes that currency cancer has infected the monetary systems of every country of the world and that the willingness of Governments to create additional paper money, popular since John Law, will continue. This, he says, constitutes a permanent threat to business and the incentive to save and invest.

The black market, Mr. Pick asserts, will continue to expand since "people cannot and will not accept arbitrary confiscation of what they own through inflation, as practised by every Government in the world today. He has dedicated "The 1951 Black Market Yearbook" to "The more than 2,000,000,000 people, who, for obeying the law, have been punished by the law."

IN THE SHADOW OF DAVID'S TOWER

An on-the-spot investigation took place on Friday of the killing of a special patient in the no-man's-land outside Jaffa Gate by a Legionnaire. Left to right are: A.S.P. Shiloni, District Medical Officer Dr. Klausner, Seven Mishl, Israel delegate to the M.A.C., Lieut. Nasif of Jordan, and Rav Seren Natov, of Israel. Photo by Braun

PERSONALITY PORTRAIT

Investors' Friend

By RUTH CALE

THE Government Investment Centre has a new pilot. Mr. Harold J. Goldenberg, a businessman from Minneapolis, took over the post vacated a few weeks earlier by Dr. Heinz Gruenbaum. It is an important appointment, which in the excitement of the economic new deal went almost unnoticed; but we shall soon hear more about it.

Mr. Goldenberg, who is 43, is a well-known figure in Zionist and economic circles in the U.S. In Israel, he holds several other positions in addition to the new dollar-a-year job which will, however, absorb his attention now, and as chairman in Israel of the Independence Bond Drive, he will have an opportunity of doing a much needed coordinating job.

U.S. Investors

It is significant that an American has been chosen for the vital task of stimulating foreign investment and guiding it into productive enterprises. Americans head the list of foreign investors by a large margin, and economists say that no better choice could have been made than a person who knows the mentality of his fellow American businessmen. Mr. Goldenberg knows what is needed to streamline the operations of the Centre and broaden its scope.

"Instead of waiting for investors to call, we shall go out ourselves and bring them in," says Mr. Goldenberg who himself has invested large sums in the "Kadima" detergents factory in Haifa.

"By preparing a number of basic and essential projects, we shall be able to present the would-be investor with a complete picture of the country's investment requirements and possibilities." The Centre, he says, "will do, every thing short of blue-printing plants." It will draw up details of establishment and operation costs, determine suitable sites, export and marketing possibilities, expected earnings and other data which previously people who wanted to establish industries in Israel had to count and collect themselves. Mr. Goldenberg will also publish as much statistical material as possible on the industrial development of the country.

But, perhaps, most important of all is Mr. Goldenberg's determination to shorten the time prospective investors will have to wait for the inter-ministerial committee to decide whether projects are "approved" (so enjoy all benefits under the 1950 Investment Law) "recommended" (not essential for the country's development, but sufficiently important to enjoy some of the Law's concessions) or rejected. There have been cases in the past when applicants abandoned their projects while these awaited approval by the five ministry committee.

Active Zionist

In Minnesota, Mr. Goldenberg's family owns a wholesale and distribution business of tobacco, foodstuffs and alcoholic beverages with which he is still connected. He has been an active Zionist for many years, and a prominent leader in the U.J.A., from 1944 until he and his wife came to settle in Israel in the summer of 1949. In 1950, the Prime Minister sent him to the U.S. on a special mission. The Goldenbergs are now living at "Neve Weizmann," the housing project of the Weizmann Institute. He is closely connected with the Institute, firstly as member of its Board of Directors; secondly, by donating, with his brothers, the Institute's library in memory of their father, Jacob E. Goldenberg; and thirdly, by his deep interest in scientific research.

Mr. Goldenberg is also a member of the Board of Directors of Mifhar, of the Keren Hayesod, and of the "Kadima" Factory. His post as chairman of Bonds in Israel is also relatively new. In this capacity he supplies factual and economic information to the U.S. for the promotion of the sale of bonds; welcomes American visitors interested in seeing for themselves the country's needs and buying bonds, and shows them how the Government is using these loans. Arrangements are now being made with the Bank Leumi Le'Israel to enable Americans to purchase bonds in Israel, Mr. Goldenberg said.

Readers' Letters

UNJUSTIFIED DEMAND

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Mr. T. D. in his letter of March 4 attacks the Minister of Commerce and Industry for saying that there are too many refrigerators in Israel. Mr. T.D. considers them a necessity and believes that they should be supplied to the population.

The definition of a primary commodity is relative and depends largely on economic conditions. Our aspirations for an American standard of living are unrealistic at present, because we suffer from a severe shortage of foreign currency which we are trying to supplement by loans, grants etc. Do we, therefore, have the right to waste this money on something which is a luxury for us today instead of using it for such real necessities as food, fodder, raw materials, equipment for industry and agriculture and, most important for the absorption of new immigrants?

Let us hope that after some years of austerity and hard work we will achieve through our own efforts a higher standard of living and will no longer be dependent on funds from outside. Then I will gladly join with Mr. T.D. in his demand for refrigerators.

The Government, through a New Economic Policy, based on decreased consumption and increased production, is trying to remedy our economic situation. Let us help in this, and accept the inevitable hardships without hindering the Government by unjustified demands.

Yours etc., T.R.
Tel Aviv, March 10

FISH FILLET

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — According to recent press reports frozen fish fillet is to be rationed, due to heavy buying. The Food Controller also claims that the public is storing large quantities in refrigerators. I am among the many tens of thousands who have no refrigerator. Previous shipments of frozen fish fillet were unedible. Recent shipments have been excellent and therefore much in demand.

The public is buying freely but not excessively in my opinion, because there are no other sources of protein available. If the Food Controller wishes us to buy less frozen fish, then we should be supplied with other foods containing protein.

Yours etc,
PEARL S. FRIEDMAN
Tel Aviv, March 16

DOCTORS VOTE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,— With reference to an item which appeared in your issue of March 16: "Doctors vote not to join Histadrut," may I point out that the heading is rather misleading. Several delegates who participated in the discussion at the conference, expressed opinion for and against joining the Histadrut. The question, however, of joining the Histadrut, with whom there exists an agreement regulating professional matters, was not on the agenda and was not raised by the platform; neither was it subject to decision, or voted upon.

It may be relevant to add that the Director of the Trade Union Department of the Histadrut was invited to extend greetings on behalf of the General Federation of Jewish Labour.

Yours, etc.,
(Dr.) S. ROLBANT
Tel Aviv, March 17.

EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the main topics of discussion at the conference was the question of whether or not the medical association should remain independent — and this was the first issue to be submitted to a vote. In the voting all delegates raised their hands for continued independence, none against it.

STUDENTS' PLEA

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—We received the recent news concerning the changes in the exchange rate of the Israel pound with anxiety and astonishment. While we appreciate the conditions which prompted our Government to undertake this measure, we are unable to understand why the Government also applied this rate to the students abroad.

It is superfluous to point out the great value to the development of the State which the young men and women now receiving training in various essential fields abroad will constitute in later years. Moreover, it is superfluous to emphasize the gravity of the situation which we face. Unless some solution is found, most of the students will be unable to continue their studies in view of the fact that their parents cannot, for the most part, afford the new and exorbitant rate.

We trust that the Government will pay heed to our pleas and see fit to alleviate our plight.

Yours etc.,
AHARON KRITZLER
ARIEL BAR-SELAH
EDNA B. HOMA
for: the *ISRAELI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, MID-WEST REGION, U.S.A.*
Chicago, March 5

DISAGREEABLE EXPERIENCE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—During my recent visit to Israel, I had occasion to wait in Ramle for the bus to Tel Aviv. I found to my astonishment when the empty bus arrived that instead of the people entering the bus in an orderly fashion a wild scramble ensued from all directions, and my party, which was first at the bus-stop, became engulfed in a jostling mass of humanity which made movement impossible.

The door of the bus became blocked and the pressure became intolerable. It was only after I had shouted for the police that the bus driver drew the bus away.

I am of the opinion that this kind of disorder can easily be remedied, and I blame this incident on the man in charge of the station. Yours etc.,
M. HABERFELD.
Vice-Chairman Geulah Zionist Society, London, Chairman of J.P.A. Geulah Committee.
London, March 7.

SOME REASONS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The crocodile tears shed by the spokesman of "Eshed" in their public announcement made me wonder whether the piece had come from a Nathaniel Gubbins column.

Here are some of the reasons why the public abuse the drivers in "hundreds of different languages":

1. Buses arriving at starting points (with a few exceptions, who enjoy the "generosity" of the driver, already seated) take only a proportion of passengers who have been standing for up to an hour in a queue.

2. Friends of the driver breaking the queue and entering by the middle door.

3. Buses passing queues of people who have been standing up to 35 minutes (my own experience on number 4), discharging at least 4 passengers and yet refusing to take even the first two at the head of the queue.

4. The driver stops proceeding ten yards down past the queue, stopping and quickly picking up a girl friend who has been coyly waiting in that strategic position.

5. Empty buses passing by these great queues without stopping.

There are a few facts for the Public Relations Department of Eshed to ponder.

Yours etc.,
ARTHUR SAUL SUPER
Tel Aviv, March 16

NAIVE COMMUNIQUE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—What exactly did Eshed expect to gain by issuing the naive communique in your issue of March 16?

The simplest way of easing the strain on the nerves of their drivers would be to hire ticket collectors. I strongly object to Eshed's assertion that the work of the drivers is difficult, on the contrary it is one of the lightest jobs performed by any worker in the country today.

We are all sick and tired of the "public be damned" attitude of the transport cooperatives. Their inefficiency is due to the monopolies which they enjoy and which are entirely unjustified in the country's present circumstances.

Yours, etc.,
M. GEYOR
Haifa, March 16.

KEEPING POSTED

SEVENTY prutah seems to us a great deal of money to pay for a newspaper, especially when it does not offer the startling revelations produced daily by some of our contemporaries, but only comparatively humdrum news, put together not by any superhuman intellect, but by colleagues who are only a little more superhuman than ourselves. But the new price means a return to four pages, and to being able to line the dust-bin comfortably, and having a piece to spare for cleaning the windows. There will even be a sheet to take down to the fishmonger's to eke out his scrap of paper, without our having to buy an afternoon paper when we have already read somebody else's over his shoulder in the bus. Just for comparison, we should like to note that the "Washington Evening Star" one day last month contained 144 pages, which was believed to be a record for a weekday issue with no special features or supplements. Most of the space was devoted to advertisements for the bargain sales due to open the next day, George Washington's birthday.

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WE have heard of a small boy who told his mother that prices had gone up. Milk was more expensive, he said, and so was bread and frozen fish, and he ought to have more pocket money. As an afterthought he said that the price of peanuts had gone up too. His mother nodded. She had also heard of things going up, and agreed to raise his income. Working on the same principle, we wish to notify intending contributors to this column that we personally have also joined the inflationary spiral, and that any item accepted will in future be worth IL.1- instead of 500 pruiah, a sum fixed when this column was introduced in 1949.

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IT seems that on Saturday afternoon, Radio Damascus was broadcasting records of "Songs of the Nations," with a commentary in English. First a Mexican song was announced, and sung by a mixed chorus. Then the commentator said

"And over in Israel they have a very nice dance called the shora." This was followed immediately by "Artza alinu" ("We came to the Land"), sung in Hebrew. We don't know yet whether somebody was merely very careless, or whether this is really a step toward recognition.

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Police fired several rounds into the air to control the crows which attacked them with sticks and stones...
The Jerusalem Post

"ON behalf of the Society of Israel Crows," writes a correspondent, "whose secretary I have the honour to be, I wish to protest against the above item which appeared in your paper. I ventufe to submit that even should a crowd of crows have been in the village at the time of the incident, they would not have attacked the police with either sticks or stones. We know only too well the meaning of "control of crows" carried out by shots in the air. How else would you shoot crows?"

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A FRIEND tells us that he was rather surprised to find a large poster reading "Ma'ariv—Four Pages Again" right in the centre of the window display of a shop in Jaffa Road, which doesn't sell "Ma'ariv" or any other paper. He went in to talk to the proprietress, who was busy reading her favourite stand-by, the German paper; her Hebrew is certainly below par, even when it comes to vowelled headlines in the "Omer." "The poster?" she said. "It's nice and clear, isn't it? Didn't you know I was selling the Mif'al Ha'payis lottery tickets now? The boy brought it in only a little while ago."

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ONE of our friends was delighted recently when his chicken ration suddenly laid an egg and thus saved its life. But the daily appearance of an extra egg evidently aroused

dark suspicions in the mind of his young son—"Daddy," said he seriously, "are you buying on the blackmarket? This morning I looked all over my egg and couldn't find an "aleph" on it anywhere."

Among today's contributors are Amos Ben Vered and Kurt Marhbolt, Jerusalem, and A.B.C.

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